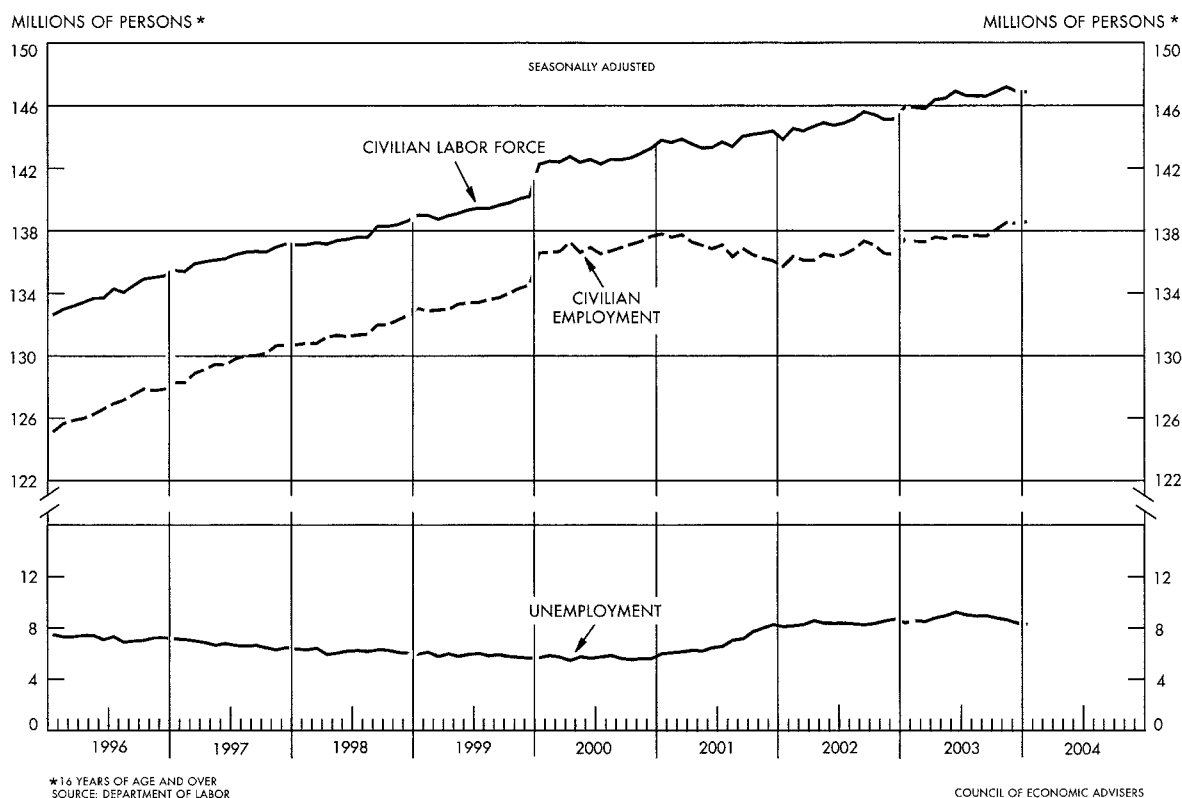


# EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

## STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE

In January, employment was 138.6 million and unemployment was 8.3 million. (Series reflects annual revision.)



[Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted except as noted by NSA]

Period	Civilian noninstitutional population NSA	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment				Not in labor force	Percent <sup>1</sup>		
			Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years	Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
1994 <sup>2</sup>	196,814	131,056	123,060	63,294	53,606	6,161	7,996	3,627	3,049	1,320	65,758	66.6	62.5	6.1
1995	198,584	132,304	124,900	64,085	54,396	6,419	7,404	3,239	2,819	1,346	66,280	66.6	62.9	5.6
1996	200,591	133,943	126,708	64,897	55,311	6,500	7,236	3,146	2,783	1,306	66,647	66.8	63.2	5.4
1997 <sup>3</sup>	203,133	136,297	129,558	66,284	56,613	6,661	6,739	2,882	2,585	1,271	66,836	67.1	63.8	4.9
1998 <sup>3</sup>	205,220	137,673	131,463	67,135	57,278	7,051	6,210	2,580	2,424	1,205	67,547	67.1	64.1	4.5
1999 <sup>3</sup>	207,753	139,368	133,488	67,761	58,555	7,172	5,880	2,433	2,285	1,162	68,385	67.1	64.3	4.2
2000 <sup>3</sup>	212,577	142,583	136,891	69,634	60,067	7,189	5,692	2,376	2,235	1,081	69,994	67.1	64.4	4.0
2001	215,092	143,734	136,933	69,776	60,417	6,740	6,801	3,040	2,599	1,162	71,359	66.8	63.7	4.7
2002	217,570	144,863	136,485	69,734	60,420	6,332	8,378	3,896	3,228	1,253	72,707	66.6	62.7	5.8
2003	221,168	146,510	137,736	70,415	61,402	5,919	8,774	4,209	3,314	1,251	74,658	66.2	62.3	6.0
2003: Jan <sup>3 r</sup>	219,897	145,875	137,447	69,940	61,391	6,117	8,428	4,075	3,100	1,254	74,022	66.3	62.5	5.8
Feb <sup>3 r</sup>	220,114	145,898	137,318	70,174	61,106	6,039	8,581	4,068	3,253	1,260	74,216	66.3	62.4	5.9
Mar <sup>r</sup>	220,317	145,818	137,300	70,213	61,219	5,868	8,519	3,995	3,271	1,252	74,499	66.2	62.3	5.8
Apr <sup>r</sup>	220,540	146,377	137,578	70,290	61,343	5,945	8,799	4,220	3,289	1,290	74,163	66.4	62.4	6.0
May <sup>r</sup>	220,768	146,462	137,505	70,182	61,397	5,926	8,957	4,341	3,302	1,314	74,306	66.3	62.3	6.1
June <sup>r</sup>	221,014	146,917	137,673	70,190	61,610	5,873	9,245	4,485	3,379	1,381	74,097	66.5	62.3	6.3
July <sup>r</sup>	221,252	146,652	137,604	70,269	61,479	5,856	9,048	4,391	3,356	1,301	74,600	66.3	62.2	6.2
Aug <sup>r</sup>	221,507	146,622	137,693	70,324	61,467	5,902	8,929	4,358	3,369	1,202	74,884	66.2	62.2	6.1
Sept <sup>r</sup>	221,779	146,610	137,644	70,596	61,191	5,857	8,966	4,309	3,417	1,240	75,168	66.1	62.1	6.1
Oct <sup>r</sup>	222,039	146,892	138,095	70,726	61,524	5,846	8,797	4,216	3,375	1,205	75,147	66.2	62.2	6.0
Nov <sup>r</sup>	222,279	147,187	138,533	70,964	61,597	5,972	8,653	4,224	3,320	1,109	75,093	66.2	62.3	5.9
Dec <sup>r</sup>	222,509	146,878	138,479	71,099	61,521	5,859	8,398	3,945	3,326	1,128	75,631	66.0	62.2	5.7
2004: Jan <sup>3</sup>	222,161	146,863	138,566	71,329	61,260	5,977	8,297	3,842	3,255	1,200	75,298	66.1	62.4	5.6

<sup>1</sup> Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

<sup>2</sup> Data beginning January 1994 reflect a major redesign of the household survey questionnaire.

<sup>3</sup> Not strictly comparable with earlier data.

NOTE.—Data reflect annual seasonal adjustment revisions released on January 9, 2004.

Beginning January 2004 data reflect revised population controls and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

See *Employment and Earnings* for information on the revisions and for details on breaks in series.

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.